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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takashi SHIBATA, et al

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/926,163

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FOR: SORBITOL DEHYDROGENASE, GENE ENCODING THE SAME AND USE
THEREOF**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS & TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated **October 25, 2001**, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration, a translation of the application into English, Preliminary Amendment and the Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence Listing diskette.

The required fee is enclosed.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

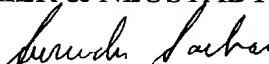
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: English Translation of Specification, Drawings (7 sheets), Declaration, Check for \$588.00, Sequence Listing (8 sheets), Preliminary Amendment, Sequence Listing Diskette, Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements

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